

GOMPERS TAUNTS
JUSTICE WRIGHTSays He Sidestepped Issue
in Senator's Case.

SOUNDS JEFFERSON'S WARNING

Labor Leader, Commenting on Action
in Paper Contract Proceedings,
Says District Supreme Court
Verge Near Danger Line—Scores
Faint-heartedness of House.

In the current issue of the American Federationist, Samuel Gompers tauntingly charges Justice Wright, of the Supreme Court of the District, with having sidestepped the issue as to jurisdiction, presented by the ignoring of his writ by the Senate of the United States, for fear of the consequences, while at the same time imposing a sentence of imprisonment upon representatives of organized labor for a less pronouncedly contemptuous proceeding.

Mr. Gompers quotes from Jefferson a warning that the dissolution of the government lies in an irresponsible judiciary, and declares the present attitude of the District Supreme Court verges dangerously on the conditions foreseen by that statesman.

Now No Distinction.
Under the decision of the Supreme Court, Mr. Gompers asserts, there is now no distinction recognized in the law between flesh and blood and soul (the workers), in the disposition of their labor power, on the one hand, and on the other, the corporations and combination owners, cornering and gambling in cattle, iron, and coal, in all the material products—the necessities of life.

After reviewing the circumstances incident to the federation officers being declared in contempt in connection with the now famous boycott cases, and the subsequent action of Justice Wright in sentencing them to terms of imprisonment, Mr. Gompers takes up the recent mandamus proceedings against the joint printing committee of Congress in connection with certain paper contracts, and says:

"At the time we asserted Justice Wright would insist upon his jurisdiction, but that he would dismiss the writ on its merits and would arraign the Senate committee or the Senate, upon whose authority the committee was acting, to appear before him and answer for contempt of his order. And so it has come to pass that Justice Wright asserted the jurisdiction of his court to issue the writ, and then dismissed the writ on its merits."

"Then the writ of mandamus and the writ of injunction differ in this particular only. The first is a court's order compelling the doing of a certain act. The second is the court's order prohibiting the doing of an act. If a court has the right to issue a mandamus, a writ compelling the doing of a certain act by Congress or one of its committees, a court has also the right to issue an injunction forbidding it to do that same act."

Helped Establish Precedent.
"The House of Representatives, in yielding to Justice Wright's assumption of authority and jurisdiction, has helped to establish a precedent that may, and no doubt will, return to plague that august body."

"The Senate, standing on its right as a co-ordinate branch of the government, insisted that the judicial branch could not by any process invade its authority and field of activity. As we have said, the House yielded the right and independence for which the Senate contended. But what could be expected of a House of Representatives so long dominated by that Mephistopheles of American politics, its Speaker, and his henchmen, and having an opposition largely without purpose or backbone?"

"If ever men placed themselves in contempt of court, the committee of the Senate and afterward all the Senators, placed themselves in that position, and placed what has Justice Wright done with these contempters? The mere fact that he dismissed the writ does not change the situation one jot. If he had the authority and the jurisdiction to issue the writ, the Senators were bound to obey, and in refusing to obey they were in contempt. If they were in contempt, why does he not exercise his power and summon them before him for their refusal to obey his mandate?"

"Justice Wright has not hesitated or failed to hale other men before him for alleged contempt of court, to punish and sentence them to long terms of imprisonment, when merely standing on their long-acknowledged rights as citizens. Why should he hesitate in the case of United States Senators? The reply is that he realizes that if he attempted to bring the Senators before his bar for contempt, it would raise a storm of indignation and resentment throughout the country. The courts' invasion of the domain of the legislators, as well as the domain of the constitutional rights of the citizen, would be thrashed out in such a manner as would bring the entire issue of judicial usurpation to the forefront to be settled, and settled right."

A Significant Fact.
"It is highly significant that when the House of Representatives had under discussion the subject as to whether Justice Wright's writ of mandamus should be recognized or ignored, the burden of the speeches in favor of yielding rested upon the cases of the labor men whom Justice Wright had sentenced to imprisonment for long terms for alleged contempt of court; in other words, for their refusal to surrender their rights of free speech and of a free press. These speeches in the House all smacked much of the 'holier than thou' type. The House pusillanimously surrendered its independent legislative field of jurisdiction to a court striving to extend its authority."

"But the time must come when the House of Representatives will be composed of men not quite so faint-hearted as those who surrendered its independent and co-ordinate rights."

Honoring the Donor.

Mrs. Murphy—Look at the lovely flowers that Mary's beau sent her. Oim going to send little Pat out to get some water to put him in.

Murphy—What, woman, get a pint of beer instead for him. We want to show the lad that we appreciate the gift.

An Expert, He.

From Hager's Bazaar.
Teacher—T-h-i-s-d is pronounced third, not thold.
Pupil—W-e-l-l, teacher, t-h-a-t's the first time in a long while you've hold me any one of them words wrong.

ENGINEERS' JOINT SESSION.

Dr. J. B. Whitehead, of Baltimore, Makes Novel Address.
In an illustrated lecture at the joint meeting of the Washington section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Washington Society of Engineers, held last night at 722 Twelfth street, Dr. John B. Whitehead, of Johns Hopkins University, gave a graphic description of "Steam railway electrification."

By the use of electrification, Dr. Whitehead said, a big road can save at least 20 per cent of its expense, but the matter of fitting out every road with electric engines must, because of the great expense of building new engines, be gradual.

IN THE SOCIAL WORLD

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Mrs. John Wyeth, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. James Wood, sister of Representative Wood, of New Jersey; Miss Ida Thompson, and Mrs. A. R. Huser, daughter of Mrs. Dryden.

The industrial department of the Neighborhood House will give an exhibition and sale of art good, beginning to-day and lasting three days. The exhibition will be in a storeroom immediately opposite the F street entrance of the New Willard.

The Misses Cohen, of the Cliffbourne, have their sister, Mrs. I. Fields, of New York, as their guest.

Mrs. Beekman Winthrop, wife of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, was hostess at an informal tea yesterday for a company of young people, in compliment to her young cousin, Miss Colgate, of New York. Miss Colgate has spent the Easter holidays with Mrs. Winthrop. The guests were nearly all debutantes, and college folk, here for the Easter vacation.

Mrs. Powell Winter has as her guest Miss Bessie Corder, of Flint Hill, Va.

The Minister from the Netherlands and Mme. Louden, accompanied by their niece, Miss Kinen, went to New York yesterday, from where they will sail for Europe to-day.

Baroness Preuschen, wife of the naval attaché of the Austrian Embassy, entertained informally yesterday afternoon at a tea.

Mrs. Sherman has returned from Utica, accompanied by her nieces, the Misses Eleanor and Louise De Long. The Misses De Long will spend the week in Washington. The Vice President and Mrs. Sherman entertained at dinner last evening in their honor and also in honor of their other guest, Rev. Mr. Shackelford.

Mrs. Alexander Britton entertained at a dance last evening at Rauscher's, when both ballrooms were used. The party was given in honor of Miss Margaret L. Britton, the younger daughter. The debutante daughter, Miss Catherine Britton, left early to attend the dance at the German Embassy.

Mrs. Nelson Read Johnson gave a day-light ball yesterday afternoon for Marion and Thorburn Van Buren, Juniors of the household. A cotillion was danced and the favors were ducks and bunnies and other toys. There were twenty-six guests.

Mrs. W. C. Braisted entertained at a bridge party yesterday at the Rochambeau, in honor of the Surgeon General of the Navy and Mrs. Stokes.

Mrs. Thomas M. Gale gave a musicale yesterday, which began at 11 o'clock. The house was decorated with flowers. A buffet luncheon was served. The programme was given by the Misses Kleckhofer, of New York, formerly of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Rountree announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Celeste Rountree, to Mr. Charles T. Conrad, Jr., on Wednesday, March 23.

A bazaar will be given at the Arlington Hotel on April 12 and 13, by the board of managers of Episcopal Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital. The Fort Myer and Engineer bands will play, and there will be dancing for the younger children each afternoon.

Miss Helena T. Doocy, of Capitol Hill, has gone to Baltimore to spend the Easter vacation.

Miss Catherine Stackpole, of Harrisburg, is visiting the Misses Schafer in Ontario road, during the Easter holidays. A tea was given Easter Monday.

Mr. Munford will give a dinner this evening to officers of the District Bankers' Association. Other guests expected are the bank examiners, the Commissioners, Mr. Justice Lorton, and Justice Anderson. The dinner will be followed by a box party at the French opera.

STAR CLUB HAS SOME FUN.

Impromptu Smoker "Delightfully Drawn Out and Appointed."
The Evening Star Club held an impromptu smoker last night, which was tuncfully appointed and delightfully drawn out.

The fun began shortly after 8 o'clock in the clubrooms on the second floor of the Star Building, when Henry Hanford dished out the Henriettes and similar good things. Solos, monologues, impersonations, and slight-of-hand "stunts" were interspersed at appropriate intervals. President Alex Gordon made a happy get-away with his original poem on prohibition.

The choruses were sung with a vim from the "Guide to the Weak-minded," which contained some choice witticisms. Giorgio O'Connor and Rolands Roderigo, two famous Italian singers, were applauded to the echo.

ASKED \$3,000 BRIBE.

Insurance President Tells More of William H. Buckley's Activity.
New York, March 29.—Dawson P. Kingsley, president of the New York Life Insurance Company, testifying to-day at the fire insurance inquiry conducted by Supt. Hotchkiss, said that in 1906, while he was in Albany trying to get through an amendment to the Armstrong law, William H. Buckley, the insurance lobbyist and former employee of his insurance department, had come to him and proposed to "deliver" the votes of six senators for the sum of \$3,000, each of the six senators to get \$500 for his vote. He rejected the proposition.

Mr. Kingsley said that the names of some of the senators were mentioned, but he could not recall any one of them when on the stand to-day. The money was to be paid after the vote was recorded.

Misplaced His Meat.

From the Kansas City Star.
A Norborne man bought 20 cents' worth of steak and received a nickel in change. When he got home he couldn't find the meat. At last he discovered the nickel in his coat pocket. That gave him the clue, and opening his purse, he found where he had put the steak.

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PEACE PLEAS HEARD

Congress Asked to Give Morrill Fund to District.

WOULD NAME SCHOOL LATER

P. J. Ryan, of Central Labor Union, and George A. Prevost, a High School Alumnus, Urge House Committee to Leave Disbursement of Funds to District Committee.

Realizing that continued fighting among the several interests can only result in depriving the District of the benefits available under the Morrill act, P. J. Ryan, on behalf of the Central Labor Union, and George A. Prevost, yesterday petitioned the Agricultural Committee, of the House to enact the first section of the bill pending, appropriating the money for the use of the District, and leaving the manner in which it is to be disbursed to that committee.

The petitioners claim the time has come when congressional action is indispensable if the benefits are to be obtained for the District, and the minor differences should be buried until this is attained. They claim it was a mistake to have coupled the two propositions in one bill, and any interests that now oppose the present plan, the promoters think, will be acting contrary to the best interests of the people of Washington.

Proposed Plan Cited.
Under the proposed plan, after Congress, acting as the National legislature, has appropriated the money provided under the Morrill acts for a college of industrial arts, the same body, acting as the legislative body of the District, can with greater ease dispose of the opposing interests and apply the money where it will insure the greatest benefits.

As a precedent for such a course the petitioners cited the case of Hawaii, where the fund was made available before the legislature of the islands had taken the necessary steps to establish a college. Indeed, while the fund was made available to thirty-six states when the original Morrill act was passed in 1862, it was years later before some of them by establishing colleges or designating beneficiaries under the act made use of the money thus appropriated.

At the hearing yesterday, which was the last that will be held on the bill, those who oppose the allotment of the money to George Washington University, supported their position on the ground that tuition fees were charged there, that in violation of the provisions of the Morrill act, the color line is established by the university. They also contended the meager equipment as compared with the plant available at the McKinley and Armstrong schools should bar its claim.

Those who appeared before the committee were careful to make clear their position. In that they were no longer contending for the allotment of the money to the manual training schools, but merely asking that it be made available for the District.

This will dispose of the case in so far as the Committee on Agriculture is concerned, and a new measure designating the institution would receive the consideration of the subcommittee on education of the District Committee.

Some Criticism Heard.
Some criticism has been indulged in at the action of the board of education in taking precipitate action on Chairman Scott's letter to President Oyster.

To P. J. Ryan, R. R. Horner, a member of the school board, is quoted as saying that he was advised that the purpose of the special meeting was to ask that the funds be awarded to the District, and that no action was to be taken for or against any institution.

Disregarding this agreement, he continued, with but five members of the board present, the resolution presented by Mr. Hoover was rushed through.

LUCINDA'S EXPERIENCES.

Outcome of a Small Dog's Attempt at Play with a Toddling Child.
"Now this, you know," said Lucinda, in the New York Sun, "didn't really amount to anything at all and still it was altogether the most frightful experience I have ever had."

"There was a mother rolling a very small baby along the sidewalk in a baby carriage and toddling along at the mother's side was a little two-year-old child, just a little more than able to walk, it could even run a little in its way, and just back of this party there came along a woman with a dog."

"I don't know much about dogs and so I don't know what kind of a dog this was, but it was a brindle dog and not very big, and when this dog saw the small child walking along beside its mother, it trotted up near to the toddler."

"When the child saw the dog coming up to it like that it toddled ahead faster and then the dog thought the child was playing with it, and now it ran after the child, all in play you know, but when the child looked around again and saw the dog so close—it was only a small dog, but remember, to the little child it must have looked monstrous—when the child saw the dog coming up close like that it screamed with terror."

"Then the mother looked and when she saw the dog so close to the child she screamed too; I don't suppose we could imagine the frightful fancies that filled her mind of the danger of her child, and she fairly swooped down on the little one and snatched it off the sidewalk and lifted it up as high as she could hold it, and turned to the woman that owned the dog and screamed."

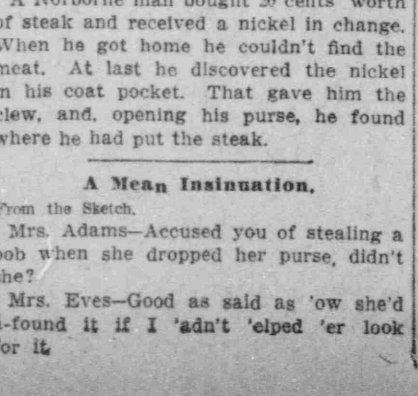
"Take it away! Take it away!"
"And the other woman called the dog and the dog trotted back to her peacefully enough, and that's all there was to it, and maybe you don't think this is much, but for great, concentrated terror I have never heard anything to equal those frightful screams. It was yesterday that I heard them, but I can hear them still, and even now, every time, it gives me a cold, creepy chill."

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FOSTER'S APRIL, 1910, WEATHER CHART.



The above charted weather forecast for Maryland, Virginia, and Washington does not claim to give all the little changes and other small weather features, but does claim to approximately forecast when any three days of temperature or rainfall will average above, about, or below normal.

These are called "Crop Weather Forecasts," being such changes as have some material effects on crops, domestic animals, or human comforts. Figures on sides of chart are degrees of temperature and do not apply to rainfall.

In the above chart the treble, zigzag line represents temperature normals, of vicinity of Washington, for April. The treble, broken, straight, horizontal line represents daily rain fall normals. The heavy, crooked line is temperature forecast, and the heavy, broken, crooked line is rainfall forecast. Where these go above, or below, or cross their normal lines, the forecast is that the rainfall or temperature they represent will go above or below or be about normal.

ACCUSED OF INTIMIDATION

Chief Rittenhouse and Newbury Excluded at Land Hearing.

Clerk Sherman Springs Sensation During Consideration of \$1,000,000 for Fraud Prosecution.

"They are here to intimidate me. They are officials of the department and are my superiors," was the explanation given yesterday before the special House committee on the investigation of conditions in the Interior Department by J. B. Sherman, a clerk, who requested that Chief I. C. Rittenhouse and Frederick Newbury, assistant chief of Division M of the General Land Office, be excluded when witness was being examined. The committee complied with Mr. Sherman's request.

The committee had under consideration the resolution of Representative Hitchcock, of Nebraska, calling for information relative to the expenditure of the \$1,000,000 appropriation for the prosecution of land frauds. Mr. Sherman was called to testify concerning a reorganization of the record system installed in the department at a large cost. Along with others, he averred the new system is designed to conceal rather than to make accessible the various records.

When his chiefs began taking notes Sherman sprang a sensation by declaring they had been sent there for the sole purpose of intimidating him. The committee took the matter under advisement and it is probable the alleged offenders may be called upon to explain their presence.

"LAKME" IS SUNG.

Delibes' Beautiful East-Indian Opera Given for First Time.

The bill for the second night of the French Opera Company was "Lakme," it being probably the first time that this opera has been heard in Washington—certainly the first time in the memory of the present generation of theatergoers. And the belated production of this work of Leo Delibes led the audience to wonder why it had never been given before, for there are numerous passages of great beauty, and the music, while not as heavy as some of the other and better known works, was rich with melody and vibrant with feeling.

The story of the opera concerns an English army officer who falls in love with the daughter of one of the priests of India during the occupation of that country by the English prior to the Sepoy rebellion. Her father, being jealous of his love for Lakme, stabs him and leaves him for dead. But the princess discovers him and takes him to a place in the forest, where she nurses him back to life. Just as she is going to complete the cure, he hears the sound of the fife and drums of his regiment marching north to subdue the Hindoos, and he leaves Lakme to return to his duty. When she sees herself deserted she eats a leaf of a poisonous plant and dies in his arms after he has come back to her.

The role of Lakme was sung by Miss Rolland, the premiere soprano of the company, and the enthusiastic applause and numerous recalls she earned were as great as on her first appearance in this city. Miss Rolland is possessed of a beautiful voice of great color, depth, and fullness. While she seldom attempted the more showy feats of singing, her rendition of the famous "Indian Bell Song" in the second act showed that she was capable of them. At the end of this beautiful number—really the gem of a large number of exquisite selections—she was recalled time and again to receive applause and to bow her thanks. But it was not by her voice only that she captivated the audience. Her acting was superb, and that alone would have been sufficient to stamp her as an artist of the highest rank. In her duets with Gerald, in the trios with Gerald and her father, and particularly in the last act, after she has eaten of the plant, her acting was really remarkable, when it is remembered that she was laboring under the strain of singing at the same time.

M. Nubio, the possessor of a tenor voice above the ordinary, was the Gerald, and his work throughout the evening was consistently good—especially in the Jewel song in the first act, and in his duets with Lakme, where he showed the range of his voice to the best advantage.

The remainder of the cast rendered their parts excellently, and particular praise is due to M. Cargue, the barytone, for his work in the part of Nilakantha—the father of Lakme. The work that he had to do was noticeable, not by the amount of it, but rather by its sustained quality. The performance, as a whole, was an exceedingly well-balanced one—the principals, the chorus, and the orchestra combining to make a pleasant production of this too little heard opera.

CAST:
Gerald.....M. Nubio
Nilakantha.....M. Cargue
Frederick.....M. Chadai
Haji.....M. Delane
A Chinaman.....M. Delane
A Fortune Teller.....M. Laveda
Lakme.....Miss Rolland
Malika.....Miss Storchman
Miss Ellen.....Miss Allard
Miss Rose.....Miss Vincent
Miss Benson.....Miss Mea
A Sepoy.....Miss Demont
Act II—Hindoo dance, by Miss Fabre, Hunsont, and Codolias and the entire Corps de Ballet.

Fifteen women have been elected to the new Parliament of Finland. The previous Parliament, the first to which women were eligible, had thirteen women among its members.

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DANCE TO SOUTHERN AIRS

Hundred Couples at Robert E. Lee Chapter Annual Ball.

Mrs. J. W. Wrenn Praised for Success of Event—Sum Realized for Confederate Home.

Soft strains of Southern waltzes, mingled with the familiar notes of "Dixie Land" and the "Bonnie Blue Flag," to which 100 dainty slippers kept cadence and danced at the annual ball of Robert E. Lee Chapter, U. D. C., last night at Arlington Hotel for the benefit of Confederate Memorial Home.

To Mrs. J. W. Wrenn, chairman of the arrangements committee, is due the success of the occasion, both socially and financially. A neat sum was realized. Guests were received by Mrs. C. D. Merwin, Mrs. G. S. Covington, Mrs. Wheatley, Mrs. Belle Kelly, Mrs. Marion Butler, Mrs. Silas Hare, and Mrs. Mulcahy, who were assisted by the young women's reception committee—Miss Rita Wrenn, chairman; Miss Sue Riley, vice chairman; Miss Mabel Berry, Miss Ruth Bowie, Miss Lucy Compton, Miss Elizabeth Gould, Miss Emma Nolan, Miss Stella McDuffie, Miss Edna Saunders, Miss Elmer Schuermann, Miss Nancy Schuermann, Miss Imogene Stockert, Mrs. John Strauss, Miss Katharine Bowie, Miss Bell Tinsley, Miss Sarah Stevens, and Miss Margaret Young.

The young men assisting in the reception of guests were Capt. Perry De Leon, Mr. Nell, chairman, Mr. C. N. Bowie, Mr. J. W. Chambers, Mr. Bruce Cleveland, Mr. W. A. Crome, Mr. Clyde Dalia, Mr. Abner Ferguson, Mr. James Fowle, Mr. F. R. Fravel, Mr. Randolph Harper, Mr. Rice Hoar, Mr. C. O. Houghton, Mr. John Strauss, Mr. H. H. Sullivan, Mr. S. Conter Thompson, Mr. T. O. Timberlake, and Mr. R. R. Thompson.

The patronesses of the Southern Relief Society, Mrs. C. D. Merwin, president of District Division, U. D. C., Mrs. Fannie J. Rick, Mrs. Silas Hare, Miss Nannie Randolph, Heath, Mrs. Charles Thomas, Mrs. Robert Broussard, Mrs. L. P. Padgett, and Mrs. Magnus Thompson.

Among the young people, in addition to those receiving, were Miss Mary Ramsburgh, of Frederick, Md.; Miss Johnstone, Miss Snyder, Miss Bell Sinclair, Miss M. L. Hovsey, Miss Hattie Bowie, Miss Jean Caldwell, and Miss Caroline Davis, of Fairmont Seminary; Miss Babcock, Miss Olga Hull, Miss von Kurowski, and Miss Maud Parker. Among the gentlemen were Arthur Johnson, Lieut. John Hood, Mr. Boynton, Herbert Sylvester, John Willis, T. S. Holland, Edwin Parker, D. Nicholson, A. H. Stephens, Paul W. Black, B. F. Mays, W. A. Combs, and J. H. Fowle.

JOCKEY POWERS BEST.

Rode More Horses to Victory Than Any Other.

Vincent Powers, who is under contract to ride for P. T. Chinin this year, has handled more horses on the winter tracks since New Year's Day than any other jockey. Powers has confined his efforts to Jacksonville, where, up to last Monday, he had 71 winners to his credit.

In the same length of time Guy Garner rode 63 winners, practically all at Juarez, which closed the last of February.

Carroll Shilling piloted 55 firsts while at Oakland and Juarez. Eddie Taplin rode 51 winners, with 43 for Glasner, the leading rider at Tampa. O. Pain had forty winners, followed by Nicol with 35, Vosper, 33; Koerner, 31; Oberst, 31; Davenport, 29; Murphy, 28; Davis, 28; Cole, 27; A. Burton, 27; J. Howard, 26; E. Martin, 24; Jackson, 21; Troxler, 21; Benschenot, 21; Stainhardt, 20; Page, 20; McCahey, 19; Gans, 19; Kedreils, 19; Mondon, 17; and Mentry, 17. With very few exceptions all of these jockeys will ride on the New York tracks this year.

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